

In accordance with the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement, DBHDS is in the process of creating the Individual and Family Support Program. It is designed to assist individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities on the waiting list for the ID or DD Waiver (and their families) to access short-term person/family-centered resources, supports, and services.

Services and items that may be funded through the Individual and Family Support Program may include:

- Professionally provided services and supports, such as respite, transportation services, behavioral consultation, and behavior management;
- Assistive technology and home modifications, goods, or products that directly support the individual;
- Temporary rental assistance or deposits;
- Fees for summer camp and other recreation services;
- Temporary assistance with utilities or deposits;
- Dental or medical expenses of the individual;
- Family education, information, and training;
- Peer mentoring and family-to-family supports;
- Emergency assistance and crisis support; or
- Other direct support services as approved by DBHDS.

Individual and Family Support Program funds may be provided to individuals or family members in varying amounts, as requested and approved by DBHDS, up to the established annual maximum of \$3000.00 per individual per fiscal year.

DBHDS is currently in the process of creating an on-line application system and will also be accepting paper applications through U.S. mail should individuals or families not have access to the internet. All individuals who are currently on the waitlist for the ID or DD Waiver will be receiving letters of notification explaining the program and how to apply in the early spring. For further information on the IFS Program please contact Cindy.Gwinn@dbhds.virginia.gov